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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION: AMB SCALI'S CALL ON NIGERIAN PERMREP OGBU, MARCH 14

1. AMB SCALI CALLED ON AMB OGBU MARCH 14, TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION. AMB SCALI INDICATED THAT US WISHED TO TAKE "CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE" TOWARD SPECIAL SESSION, AND WANTED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. REALIZING THAT SESSION CAN ONLY TREAT PROBLEMS IN GENERAL, DURING LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, ITS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT CONSTRUCTIVE GUIDELINES BE SET OUT IN ADVANCE, AND THAT THESE VERY GUIDELINES NOT BE DISTORTED LATER BY OTHERS. USG WISHES MEMBERS TO RESPECT OUR WISH THAT SPECIAL SESSION NOT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE OUR INITIATIVES ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE OR WASHINGTON ENERGY TALKS. IMPORTANT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THOSE FRONTS AND WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO AVOID HAVING SPECIAL SESSION CAUSE POSSIBLE DELAYS IN DEALING WITH VITAL PROBLEMS INCLUDING WORLD FOOD RESERVES. AMB SCALI SAID THAT HE ASSUMED SPECIAL SESSION WOULD CONSIDER QUESTION OF ENORMOUS COSTS TO LDC'S WHICH HAVE ARISEN WITH ENERGY CRISIS.
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CONTINUED AMB SCALI. BUT, THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE CAREFUL TO GUARD PROGRESS WHICH IT HAS MADE IN PUBLIC OPINION FOLLOWING UN'S ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST WAR, AND AVOID LAPSING INTO RHETORIC OF PAST. TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON NEED TO CREATE "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER," FOR INSTANCE, WOULD LEAVE LASTING BAD TASTE, NOT LEAST OF ALL WITH US CONGRESS.

2. OGBU SAID THAT HE AGREED ENTIRELY WITH EACH OF POINTS MADE BY AMB SCALI. HE NOTED THAT FMG INITIALLY HAD GUARDED ATTITUDE TOWARD SPECIAL SESSION, AND ONLY HAD BEEN "ROPED INTO" BECOMING MEMBER OF GORUP OF 77'S WORKING GROUP. NEVERTHELESS, NIGERIA IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN SPECIAL SESSION, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER ARIKPO IS SLATED TO ADDRESS GA APRIL 11. ARIKPO TENTATIVELY IS SCHEDULED VISIT NEW YORK APRIL 9-13.

3. AMB SCALI TOLD OGBU OF STRENUOUS EFFORTS HE IS MAKING TO ENCOURAGE REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT. OGBU WAS FULL OF PRAISE, AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE BOTH FOR AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AND FOR ATTENTION HE WAS GIVING TO BLACK AFRICAN POINT OF VIEW REGARDING SPECIAL SESSION.
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